



Week 1: April 5-11

Share Life:

Question: As the news and impact of the coronavirus continues to drag on, how are you feeling about the next month? How are you being affected, currently?

Vision: “But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13). Cast vision for group chat / calls / connections.

Share God’s Word (story):

Background: Anticipation is a strong feeling. When we are anticipating something, we are typically looking forward to something that we know is going to happen: like holidays, birthdays, seeing friends or family, getting married, having kids, a big move, a change in work, finishing school, retiring, or going on vacation. When things are difficult, we often anticipate the end of our difficult life circumstances.

Jesus taught us to anticipate the greatest event of all: His second coming. The teachings of Jesus are full of lessons on His second coming. He taught about His return for two main reasons: 1) to give us great hope and 2) to help us detach ourselves from loving this world and learn to delight more and more in loving Him.

Jesus taught His disciples that they could watch for signs of His second coming. Some of these signs included: famines, earthquakes, wars and rumors of wars, lawlessness, hatred, economic downfall, great persecution, false messiahs, and false prophets (see Matthew 24).

When you think about those signs, how do you feel? Do you feel that Jesus could return soon?

In today’s story, Jesus spoke to His disciples about understanding the signs of the end times. He told them that they should be ready for His return; just like a prepared servant who is anticipating the return of His master from a long journey. He wanted them to anticipate and be ready for His second coming. This is where our story begins...

Tell the story from Luke 12:54-56
Read the story from Luke 12:54-56

Share Questions & Discussion:

1. What stands out to you in this story and why?
2. What can you learn about man, or what can you learn about God in this story?
3. How can you connect something you are feeling or experiencing to a truth we just discussed?

Share in Prayer

In addition to praying for any needs in your group, spend time praying this week that God would add someone new to your small group that you can minister to together.

Recruit a storyteller for next week!!



Week 6: Jesus the Great Administrator

Jesus was the best at asking meaningful questions. One of the greatest reasons He was a master teacher was because He knew how to ask great questions. His questions were great because they were not surface level. They caused His disciples to examine their hearts and minds to know truth. Below are some examples of Jesus asking His disciples questions...

Mark 10:51 – ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Matthew 8:26 – And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm.

John 13:12 – When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you?”

As you lead your group or meet with people one to one, learn to ask great questions. Asking the right question at the right time can transform lives because it leads people to know truth. Our greatest need for awareness is our need to be aware of God. Right behind that need to be aware of God is our need to be self-aware. Questions help grow in our awareness of God and ourselves.

Do you have some disciples on your team who need to take the next step in getting equipped to lead a small group? Contact Pastor Brandon Werner about our upcoming Next Gen Small Group Leader Training. There is an interest meeting scheduled for this Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 am via Skype. Help us connect the next generation of leaders to this training.